

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF Examiner: Zachariah Lucas
DICKSON *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No. 09/936,333 Conf. No.: 4097
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Title: MATRIPTASE, A SERINE PROTEASE AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed September 28, 2006, wherein it is indicated that the Appeal Brief filed September 21, 2006 is alleged to be non-compliant. Enclosed herewith is a replacement appeal brief. This response is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the first month, and the requisite fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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